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1. FOLLOWING RESULTS OF PUBLIC OPINION POLL CONDUCTED BY
ISRAELI INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED SOCIAL RESEARCH IN COLLABORATION
WITH HEBREW UNIVERSITY'S INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNICATION WERE
PUBLISHED IN DECEMBER 18 YEDIOT AHARONOT.

2. WAR PROSPECTS:
46 PERCENT BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANOTHER WAR BETWEEN
ISRAEL AND THE ARABS. FROM THE YOM KIPPUR WAR TO THE SADAT VISIT,
THIS BELIEF WAS HELD BY ONLY ABOUT 10 PERCENT, JUMPED TO 54 PER-
CENT THE DAY AFTER SADAT'S APPEARANCE IN THE KNESSET, SUB-
SEQUENTLY DROPPED TO 32 PERCENT. IT HAS NOW RISEN AND APPEARS TO
HAVE STABILIZED. 90 PERCENT NOW BELIEVE THAT EGYPT GENUINELY
INTERESTED IN TRUE PEACE WITH ISRAEL. 40 PERCENT TO 60 PERCENT
HAD HELD THIS BELIEF PRIOR TO THE SADAT VISIT.

4. TERMS OF PEACE:
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NO CHANGE OF OPINION HERE - ABOUT 80 PERCENT OPPOSE RETURN TO
1967 BORDERS EVEN WITH MINOR MODIFICATIONS.

5. SADAT:
74 PERCENT BELIEVE THAT LEADER OF SADAT'S STATURE CAN REVOLU-
TIONIZE EGYPTIAN APPROACH TOWARDS ISRAEL AND, TO LESSER EX-
TENT, INFLUENCE POSITIONS OF OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES.

6. COMMENT:

SEE NO MAJOR INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN THIS AND PORI POLL
REPORTED REFTEL. APPARENT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PORI RESULTS
SHOWING INCREASED SUPPORT FOR RETURN OF WEST BANK TERRITORIES
AS PART OF OVERALL SETTLEMENT, AND THIS SURVEY SHOWING CON-
TINUED OPPOSITION TO RETURN TO 1967 BORDERS IS PROBABLY DUE
TO PHRASING OF QUESTIONS. APPLIED SOCIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE
AND COOPERATING HEBREW UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATION INSTITUTE
WILL KNOW AND RESPECTED HERE.
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